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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Allan Kuhns	Art Unit 1732

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 20,23 and 25-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 20, 23 and 25-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

1. Claims 20, 23 and 25-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The aspect in claim 25 of "applying a mold having abutting parting planes to the joint" lacks support in the disclosure as filed". Applicant is relying on Figures 6-10 for support of this aspect and in particular refers to frame joints at 602 in Figure 6 and at 703 in Figure 7. Because there are no numerals designating the elements illustrated at 602 and 703, it is difficult to find support for the claim limitation at issue, particularly when it appears from the prosecution history that the claim limitation at issue may have arisen as an afterthought in an effort to distinguish the Bishop reference. Perhaps more significantly, it is not clear to the examiner as to why the use of a mold having abutting parting planes was not specifically noted in the disclosure as filed if applicant viewed such a feature as an element of his invention.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 25, 26 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bishop (5,019,312) as set forth in previous Office actions in view of Trimble (4,986,949). The fabric layers 40 of Bishop extend into the mold parting plane,

resulting in the formation of "substantial portions of flash" which must be subsequently cut away, as disclosed at column 5, lines 11-22. But Trimble, also in a method of forming a bicycle frame, illustrates in Figures 2A and 2B and explicitly discloses closing the mold along lines of abutment (the parting plane) at column 19, lines 51-55, in a manner in which the layers do not extend into the parting plane. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate this teaching of Trimble into the method of Bishop in order to reduce or eliminate the amount of flash produced.

4. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bishop in view of Trimble as applied to claims 25, 26 and 29 above, and further in view of Baron (4,954,209). Relevant teachings of Baron and reason for the combination with other prior art relied upon are as set forth in previous Office actions.

5. There needs to be a consistent use of terminology in this application (silicon or silicone).

6. Applicant's arguments filed April 4, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments concerning the lack of "abutting parting planes" during the practice of the process of Bishop are considered to be moot by the examiner, based on the additional reliance on the Trimble in this Office action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allan Kuhns whose telephone number is (571) 272-1202. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:00 to 5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson, can be reached on (571) 272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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